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Note verbale dated 9 August 2000 from the Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations presents her compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997), and referring to his notes dated 10 July 2000, has the honour to communicate the following information concerning the implementation of the United Nations sanctions against Sierra Leone as established by the Security Council in its resolutions 1306 (2000) and 1171 (1998).

The Council of the European Union, following the adoption of a common position of 20 July 2000, adopted on 3 August 2000 regulation No. 1745/2000 on the importation into the European Community of rough diamonds from Sierra Leone, prohibiting, in accordance with Council resolution 1306 (2000), the importation of rough diamonds into the Community. The said regulation, which is enclosed* for your information, is in force at the moment.

As to the implementation of Council resolution 1171 (1998), following the adoption of a common position of 29 June 1998 by the European Council, a national decree (545/1998) was adopted on 24 July 1998, prohibiting the sale and supply of arms and related *matériel* to non-governmental forces in Sierra Leone, other than the Economic Community of West African States Military Observer Group, in accordance with that resolution.

Sanctions and forfeitures to be imposed where the provisions of the Council regulations and of the decree are violated are provided in chapter 46, sections 1 to 3 and 8 to 13 respectively, of the Finnish Penal Code.

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* A copy of the attachment is on file in the Secretariat, Room S-3055.

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